



DVD Copy Cruiser Dual™ DVD/CD Duplicator

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Frequently Asked Questions

What does "Dual" mean?

The DVD Copy Cruiser Dual can use both DVD-R/RW and DVD+R/RW discs in duplicating or recording, hence it is "Dual" in recording format technology. This removes most of the format compatibility issues and barriers that previously existed. Now users do not have to worry about which format to buy or which format will become the de facto standard when all is said and done.

What is 8-in-1?

Now customers will be able to use DVD-R, DVD+R, DVD-RW, DVD+RW, DVD-ROM, CD-R, CD-RW and CD-ROM discs all with one product. Introducing the new family of Alera Technologies DVD Duplicators and Recorders based on Dual Standard 8-in-1 DVD±R/RW Technology. This new family supports all popular DVD formats!

Who needs an Alera Technologies DVD Copy Cruiser Dual DVD/CD Duplicator?

The DVD Copy Cruiser Dual is the new 4x, high performance, full featured, cost effective DVD duplicator, based on DVD Dual technology, aimed at all users with the need to create and duplicate DVDs and CDs. The Alera Technologies DVD Copy Cruiser Dual is designed for anyone who needs to duplicate music, data, video, or documents and have the need for making one or more quick DVD copies. Furthermore, the DVD Copy Cruiser Dual is two systems in one. Not only is it a powerful stand alone DVD and CD duplicator, but it is equipped with a USB 2.0 connection so that you can connect its state of the art 4x DVD Recorder to your computer, load the powerful software included, and create your own custom DVDs. A DVD Copy Cruiser Dual is ideal for any user who wants to make multiple copies and demands copying speed, the ultimate in simplicity and control of the duplicating process.

What does "Stand-Alone" mean?

No computer is required to make copies of DVDs. Plug it in, turn it on, insert source DVD and blank media, select "Copy", select the copy speed and the DVD Copy Cruiser Dual starts copying.

How do you make DVD copies?

You load a source disc in the DVD-ROM reader. Load a blank disc in the DVD Recorder, select "Copy", and the copy speed and copying starts with no further action. You have parameters and functions you can select by simply indexing through the menu on the LCD display changing write speed, doing a test copy and much more.

Can I copy DVD movies with the DVD Copy Cruiser Dual?

No, commercial movies are copy protected and cannot be copied with the DVD Copy Cruiser Dual. However, you can copy your own video creations.

Can I copy CDs in the DVD Copy Cruiser Dual?

Yes, you can copy CDs in the DVD Copy Cruiser Dual. Just use blank CD-R Media that is certified at least 16x. You use the same simple procedure for CDs and DVDs.

Can I copy DVDs to CD Media in the DVD Copy Cruiser Dual?

No, DVDs will only copy to blank DVD Media

The DVD Copy Cruiser Dual contains high speed DVD Recorders and a DVD-ROM mechanism. Does the DVD Copy Cruiser Dual perform functions other than a Duplicator?

Yes, the DVD Copy Cruiser Dual can be used to make custom audio CDs without a computer using the "Edit Track" feature. This track-selecting function can combine audion tracks from different discs into one single disc. You can extract specific tracks from your source audio CD to create a music disc containing only your favorite tunes.

The DVD Copy Cruiser Dual lets you listen to the audio tracks you have selected to record to your custom CD creation by connecting to the headphone jack on the CD-ROM drive or to the audio jacks on the back of the duplicator. You know exactly what you are recording without guessing or having to note and refer to music titles, etc.

Or the DVD Copy Cruiser Dual can be used as a Music Player by connecting speakers to the audio connections on the back of the unit and using the Music Player function.

The DVD Copy Cruiser Dual can also be connected to a computer via its USB 2.0 port and used as a DVD or CD recorder with the powerful DVD/CD creation and playback software included FREE! with purchase.

After a function is selected, is there any way to tell what the DVD Copy Cruiser Dual is doing and where it is in completing the function selected?

The DVD Copy Cruiser Dual is equipped with a very clear, back lighted LCD display that shows the duplicator function selected and the status of that function such as % complete while the function is running. Since all DVDs do not copy at the same speed, this is particularly useful, in that you know if you can do something else while the duplicator is copying or if it will be finished momentarily.

What copy speeds does the DVD Copy Cruiser Dual use?

When "Copy" or "Test" is selected, the DVD Copy Cruiser Dual will ask you to select the copy speed. If you have a source disc of questionable quality, or media that is not 4x, you can adjust the write speeds being used by the DVD Copy Cruiser Dual.

What media can be used in the DVD Copy Cruiser Dual?

Most DVD±R/RW blank media can be used for maximum duplicating flexibility. The DVD Copy Cruiser Dual does not require special media for copy jobs. When making copies at any speed, media appropriately certified for that speed or greater should be used. Alera Technologies Professional Duplicator Grade Certified media or equivalent is recommended for best results making DVD copies.

Can extended-capacity CDs be copied?

Yes, the DVD Copy Cruiser Dual will copy up to 700MB/80 minute CDs.

Can I also connect the DVD Copy Cruiser Dual to my PC?

Yes, the DVD Copy Cruiser Dual is equipped with a USB 2.0 connection so that you can connect its state of the art 4x DVD Recorder to your PC, load the powerful software included, and create your own custom DVDs and CDs.

What Software is included with the DVD Copy Cruiser Dual?

The DVD Copy Cruiser Dual is equipped with a powerful software suite for DVD/CD creation and playback:

Ulead DVD MovieFactory

With DVD MovieFactory creating professional-looking video discs has never been easier! Creating your DVD is simple as 1-2-3. Capture and trim video using Ulead Video ToolBox™. Author your disc, using ready-to-go templates, attractive backgrounds, and audio clips to create exciting interactive scene menus, and then write your video to DVD. You can even personalize your menu backgrounds by adding your own images, captions, and titles. With Ulead DVD MovieFactory, you can also record direct to disc and perform on-disc editing without the need to copy files to your hard drive first.

Ahead Nero Express and Nero Vision Express

Nero Express combines the top recording capabilities of the award-winning CD recording software, Nero, with a new user-friendly wizard that simplifies the CD and DVD recording process with the use of mouse over direction. Nero Express takes away the complexity of settings and formats making it easy for users to burn audio CDs or video discs and even DVDs. This software allows the user to burn MP3 or mp3PRO files on-the-fly to standard audio CDs or turning captured (or downloaded) video files into DVD-player friendly (S)VCDs. NeroVision Express guides you through the whole process of creating DVDs, VCDs and SVCDs in an easy and innovative way.

MusicMatch Jukebox

MusicMatch Jukebox is an integrated digital music management software tool that combines a CD ripper, MP3 encoder, playlist maker, ID3 tag editor, streaming radio service, and a media player all in a single program. CD audio is digitally extracted and encoded directly to MP3 format with no intermediary WAV file using Fraunhofer MPEG-encoding technology. With the program's database, you can sort tracks by artist, title, category, and more, and then add them to a playlist. MusicMatch Jukebox also features a player that displays cover art, lyrics, track notes, and artist bios for each track while it's playing; MP3-to-WAV conversion; advanced recording capabilities; multiple GUI themes; and MP3 streaming. Super Tagging gives you faster, more accurate results for finding information about your tracks. You'll get names of all your favorite artists, tracks, and albums, and you can even automatically search and tag your tracks with album art.

DVD Movie Player

You will have the ultimate DVD solution to enjoy the benefits of DVD entertainment on your PC.

The speed of the DVD Copy Cruiser Dual is 4x, but how fast will it copy DVDs?

A DVD Copy Cruiser Dual can duplicate a 4.7GB DVD in about 15 minutes. The actual time to copy the information from a source DVD to a blank disc, start to finish, will vary due to the quality of the discs being used, write process initialization tests by the duplicator controller, writing lead in/lead out information, etc.

In the case that the duplicator is having trouble making a copy, what can be done?

The first step to take is to go to "Test Copy Disc" and test the copy process at a lower recording speed. "Test Copy Disc" simulates the writing process. A successful Test Copy helps assure that a good quality duplicate will be made. Repeat if necessary. When you have found an acceptable speed select the "Copy" mode and make the copy. It is always a good idea to run "Test Copy Disc" before going to the actual copy process.

Why is the DVD write speed only up to 4x?

DVD "x" speeds are almost 10 times faster than CD "x" speeds. The DVD Copy Cruiser Duals use 4x DVD recording technology which is the fastest available. 4x DVD equates to 5.54MB/sec transfer rate. 40x CD equates to 6.0MB/sec.

What copy speeds does the DVD Copy Cruiser Dual use?

When "Copy" is selected, you can choose the DVD Duplicating speed from 4x, 2x, and 1x. If you are duplicating a CD, you can select speeds up to 16x.

What blank media can be used in the DVD Copy Cruiser Dual?

For copying DVDs at 4x, you need 4x certified media. If the media is not 4x, then the duplicator will copy at the speed of the media. For copying CDs, use any name brand media that is certified for at least 16x. Unlike DVD duplicating, the CD duplicating function will attempt to write at the speed selected. Copy quality can vary if the copy speed selected is higher than the certification of the media.

Please note, the DVD Copy Cruiser Dual will not duplicate copy protected materials such as commercial DVD movies